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Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continuing Examination and in accordance with the provisions 37 C.F.R. 1.114, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the herein contained remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.